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Sir:

RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b)

The present application was filed in the USPTO on February 28, 2005.

On March 22, 2005 the undersigned attorney sent: (i) a declaration and power of attorney document and (ii) an assignment document to outside German legal counsel for the true owner of the present application, Harman Becker Automotive Systems GmbH of Karlsbad, Germany. These documents identify the residential address for each of the inventors, based upon information provided by outside German legal counsel for the true owner of the present application.

Following several reminders, the outside German legal counsel informed the undersigned that the (i) declaration and power of attorney document and (ii) the assignment document had been forwarded to Harman Becker Automotive Systems GmbH for the inventors to sign.

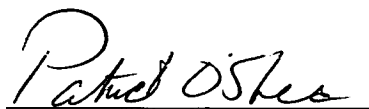
After several reminders to personnel at Harman Becker Automotive Systems GmbH regarding the need to submit the declaration to the USPTO on or before April 5, 2006 in order to complete the application filing process, the undersigned had not received the formal documents.

On April 5, 2006, the undersigned submitted a Petition Under 1.47(b). On August 3, 2006, the Petition was denied. On September 27, 2006, the undersigned sent a letter to German counsel to send to the inventors along with the Declaration and Power of Attorney documents. A copy of the letter is attached. On October 23, 2006, German counsel mailed the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment documents to the undersigned. The executed formal documents are enclosed herewith.

A check for a two-month extension of time is also enclosed extending the response period to December 3, 2006.

If a telephone interview could assist in the prosecution of this application, please call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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Re: U.S. Patent Appln. No. 10/526,233
CONTROL SYSTEM FOR LIGHT TUBES
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Harman File: P02112USWO 425.351 (1055)
Westphal File: BCR274US
Our File: 2000-1

Dear Tim:

Attached please find a body of a letter compliant with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) regarding the showing necessary to demonstrate that the inventor has been contacted at his last known address and has not signed the formal documents although he had a legal obligation to do so. The letter should be sent via overnight mail such that there is proof that the document was sent to the inventor's last known residential address. Please note that we would like to file the renewed petition with the USPTO **on or before November 3, 2006**. However, extensions are available.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

O'SHEA, GETZ & KOSAKOWSKI, P.C.

Patrick J. O'Shea

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Enclosures

cc: Robert Hart, Esq. (via e-mail & first-class mail)

Bernhard Schmuckermaier (via e-mail)

Dear Mr. Schanz:

As you know, you are a named inventor on the attached German patent application filed on August 28, 2002. A complete copy of the application is attached hereto. On August 27, 2003, a PCT application was filed claiming priority from this German application. A copy of the PCT application is also enclosed. On February 28, 2005, a U.S. patent application was filed claiming priority from this PCT application. A copy of the documents filed with the USPTO including the German language PCT application, an English language translation of the PCT application, and a first Preliminary Amendment are enclosed for your review. I have also attached a copy of the claiming letter for the above-identified application which you signed December 7, 2001. We kindly request that you sign the two attached formal documents so that we can complete the application filing process at the USPTO. We look forward to receiving these documents as soon as possible since we are up against a deadline to belatedly submit these documents to the USPTO. Therefore, kindly provide these documents to me by **November 3, 2006.**

We look forward to receiving these signed formal documents in order to complete the application filing process. If you have any questions, please contact us.



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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, the below named inventors, hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **TRIGGER MECHANISM FOR FLUORESCENT TUBES**, the specification which was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 28, 2005 and designated Serial No. 10/526,233.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate filed by us on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the applications on which priority is claimed: International Patent Application No. PCT/EP03/009481 filed on August 27, 2003 and German Patent Application No. 102 39 370.2 filed August 28, 2002.

We hereby declare that all statements are made hereby of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

And we hereby appoint:

Patrick J. O'Shea	-	Reg. No. 35,305
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Richard H. Kosakowski.	-	Reg. No. 33,934

all of the firm of O'Shea, Getz & Kosakowski, P.C., our attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

We request that all correspondence be directed to:

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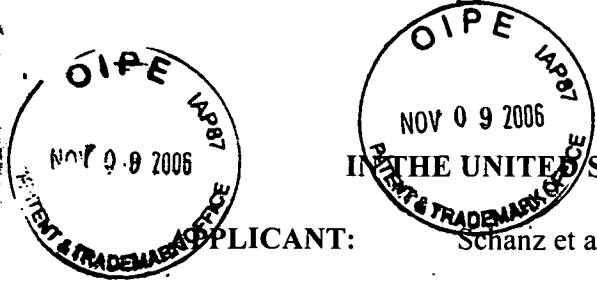
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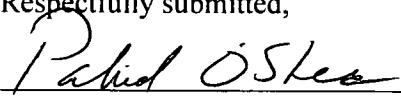
Sir:

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), petition is made for a TWO (2) month extension of time to file the attached: (i) Renewed Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(b) and (ii) executed declaration and power of attorney.

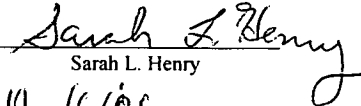
A check in the amount of \$450.00 is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any further extension and/or fee that is required to Deposit Order Account 50-3381.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date below, with sufficient postage as first class mail on the date below in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


Sarah L. Henry
11/6/06
Date